IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 10 as follows:

As shown in the diagrammatic longitudinal and cross-section views of Figures 1a and 1b [[1bis]], pulleys or other rotary coupling means generally interpose a portion A of annular shape made of rubber having a section that is rectangular or shaped, between a rim B and a central hub C. By deforming in shear, between a rest position K_0 and a position K in rotation, this piece allows a certain amount of angular offset to occur, thereby performing its decoupling function, in particular as a frequency filter and damper between the exciter (arrow E) and the response (arrow R). Figure 1c shows a cross section similar to that of Figure 1a with a link insert or friction layer D. The link insert is described in United States Patent No. 5,377,962 to Ochs et al.

On page 1, amend the paragraph beginning on line 23 as follows:

That solution, as disclosed for example in patent EP [[0 742 377]] presents numerous drawbacks, and in particular:

On page 4, revise the paragraph beginning on line 21 as follows:

Figures 1a, [[and 1bis]] 1b, and 1c (described above) are diagrammatic section views of a prior art ring of deformable material;

On page 6, revise the paragraph beginning on line 12 as follows:

In a second example shown diagrammatically in Figure 2b, the side flanks 22b of the projections 20e and 20i are radially flared away from the central core 1. The projections present an "hourglass" shape in section of trapezoidal form, with a mean flare angle α_3 that may be as much as 60°, as shown. Figure 11 shows projections 20e' that has a hyperbolic or curved shape.

On page 10, revise the paragraph beginning on line 1 as follows:

It is also possible to conserve an insert, and to use fluting for the outside face where the diameter makes it possible to retain more fluting. Meshing can be implemented on a single pair of facing faces between the ring and the rim or between the ring and the central hub, with the other pair of facing faces being bonded together. Figure 11 shows an insert 2' having fluting 20e' on its outside face to mesh with recesses on the rim 4'. The inner face 22i' is bonded to the face 31' of the central hub 3'.